

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Baptism of the Lord

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 4pm
Fridays & Weekend: By Appointment

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Welcome

St. Luke is a warm and embracing parish family. We gladly extend our love and warmth to all those who desire to worship and follow our Lord, Jesus Christ. Come join us to celebrate the Holy Eucharist which is the source and summit of our Christian life. Our theme for 2019 is "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." [Psalm 90:12] Together we will praise God, love one another and serve each other.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30am & 11:00am

2nd Sunday 1:15pm (Igbo) 3rd Sunday 1:15pm (French)

Weekday Masses

In the Martin De Pores Chapel

Monday: 10:00am

Tuesday: 8:00am

Wednesday: 8:00am Thursday: 10:00am Friday: 8:00 am

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday 6:00pm . -7:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm Sunday: 7:30am-8:15am

Sunday: 10:00am-10:45am Or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Infant Baptism registration takes place at the Parish Office prior to baptism preparation class which is held on the First Saturday of each month. Baptism takes place every First Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please call parish office for more information.

Weekday	Time	Feast of the Day	Mass Intention For the Week	Requested By
Saturday 11th	4:00pm	Baptism of the Lord (v)	Eternal repose of the sould of Jacqueline Annett Briscoe+++	Hilda McDougald
Sunday 12th	8:30am 11:00am	Baptism of the Lord Baptism of the Lord	Peace in the Middle East and the safety for the men and women in uniform.	Parish Family Parish Family
Monday 13th	10:00am	St. Hilary OPT	Eternal repose of the soul of Stanley Leon O'Banion+++	Parish Family
Tuesday 14th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	God's blessings and protection for Karis Felton	Family
Wednesday 15th	8:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal repose of the soul of Viola V. Taylor+++	Doris C. Lucas
Thursday 16th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	Eternal repose of the soul of Lensor Jones+++	Parish Family
Friday 17th	8:00am	St. Anthony OBL	Eternal repose of the soul of Mathew B. Lucas, Jr. +++	Mother

PASTOR'S CORNER

WHY WAS JESUS BAPTIZED?

By Joseph McHugh

The baptism of Jesus was more than just a symbolic swim.

Today some people think that Jesus had original sin and needed to have it washed away. When we think this, we take the reason we need to be baptized and apply it to Jesus. Jesus is sinless (Heb. 4:15). In the early church a minority of Christians known as "adoptionists" understood the baptism as the time when God "adopted" Jesus as his son. Condemned as a heresy at the end of the second century, this view re-emerged in later centuries. Adoptionists denied that Jesus is always both God and man. Some taught that Christ was a spirit which came to the human Jesus at his baptism, but then fled and left the human Jesus alone when it became time for him to die on the cross.

St. Thomas Aquinas reminded us that the baptism of Jesus by John was purely symbolic, unable to forgive sin or incorporate someone into the family of God. Thomas taught that when Jesus was baptized, he "consecrated" baptism, so to speak. In a similar way, Jesus' presence at the wedding feast at Cana (John 2:1-11) can be seen as God's blessing on marriage.

In his book *Jesus of Nazareth*, Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "In light of the cross and resurrection, the Christian people realized what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon his shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan." In Philippians 2:5-11, St. Paul describes the willingness to humble himself that the Son of God showed by taking on himself our human nature and its burden of sin. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "Jesus' gesture [of submitting to baptism] is a manifestation of self-emptying. The Spirit who had hovered over the waters of the first creation descended then on the Christ as a prelude to the new creation, and the Father revealed Jesus as 'his beloved Son' " (no. 1224).

The early Eastern church fathers, more poetic than their Western counterparts, wrote that Adam and Eve had a "vestment of light." Lost at the fall, this robe was made available again when Jesus placed the robe, lost in paradise, in the Jordan River at his own baptism. For example, the Eastern father St. Gregory of Nyssa prayed, "You have driven us out of paradise and called us back; you have taken away the fig leaves, that garment of our misery, and clothed us once more with the robe of glory." We discover in the Jordan (the baptismal font) the robe of glory that had been humankind's garment in paradise. Poetically, the Eastern fathers had Jesus explain his need for baptism: "I am trying to find the lost Adam, let me go down and look for him." Both Western and Eastern theologies tell us that Jesus was baptized not for his own benefit, but for ours. <https://www.uscatholic.org/articles/201401/why-was-jesus-baptized-28331>

REFLECTION FOR BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is "to be our model of holiness." All of Jesus' words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we're meant to *be*. Jesus' baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life.

The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. "*This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased.*" And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit's grace and power to continue Christ's mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can — and should — invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.

Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let's do as Jesus did. Let's live in our baptism!

LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR
JANUARY 19

4:00pm Mass
P. Wines & E. Coefield

8:30am Mass
S. Mode & C. Tolson

11:00am Mass
E. Williams & A. Pace

E.M.H.C. SCHEDULE FOR
JANUARY 19

4:00pm Mass
K. Ndouga & P. Hamlin

8:30am Mass
L. Washington & J. Schofield

11:00am Mass
R. Brooks & T. Hyde

Readings for the Week of January 12, 2020

Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Matthew 3:13- 17

Monday: 1 Samuel 1:1-8/Psalms 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 [17a]/Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20/1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20/Psalms 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mark 1:29- 39

Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11/Psalms 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mark 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a/Psalms 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Psalms 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mark 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6/Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Corinthians 1:1-3/John 1:29-34

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

We would like to wish a wonderful happy birthday to Jaea O Scott-Terrell, Westley Douglas II and Chikelue Onianwah.

**MAY THE JOY OF THE LORD
BE YOUR STRENGTH!!!**

Church Support

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

Thank you for supporting our parish.
May God reward you abundantly
\$4,669.79

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE:

264

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In of Our Parish

Barbara Barnes
Blanche Bourm
Barbara Batts
Tanisha Bennett
Tammy Berry
Ruth Bundy
Beatrice Carroll
Melinda Conrad
Brown
Edith Cornish
Aniceto Charles
Patricia Chase
Valene Chemoo
Joyce Cristwell
Alvera Dance
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Doreene Mahoney
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Alice L. Montague
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Florence Patterson
Marlene Patterson
Silvia Perry

Lillian Pharms
Kecia Proctor
Doreene Redd
Xavier Roots
Leroy Sandifer
Betty Smith
Kayla Tatum
Rolland Taylor
Gloria Thompson
James F. Thompson, Jr.
Matthew Thompson
Barbara B. Tyler
Wayne A. Wallace
Shiela Washington
Steven Washington
Cecelia Williams

Wellington Waters
Dolores Woodard, Jr.
Harold Woodard, Sr.
St Luke military families.

All the Homeless men and women in our community.

Please pray for all those who are sick but have no one to pray for them

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Dear Parishioners, our Tree of Life has not fully bloomed. We are continuing the sale of leaves the northwest corner of the inside of the church (East Capitol St. side) There are 21 leaves still available for memorializing deceased family members or posting your current family names or beliefs. Each leaf is \$250 and can be paid in monthly installments. All proceeds will be used for the improvement of our beautiful church. Please contact Kathy Harris Ndouga if you would like more details at (202) 575-8732.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: There will be two Masses of Christian burial: one for Stanley Leon O'Banion on Monday, January 13, 2020, viewing at 10:00 funeral Mass at 11:00am; the second Mass is for Lensor Jones on Thursday, January 16, viewing at 10:00. funeral Mass at 11:00.

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY is sponsoring a trip to Delaware Park on Saturday, May 16, 2020. The cost is \$45 and there is a return of \$30.00 in rebates. All proceeds will go to Vacation Sumer Bible Camp. The bus is leaving from St. Luke at 10:30 and expected to return at 7:30pm. Please contact Robert Stewart at 301-499-3531 or Byron Wilson at 202-945-3836.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPS ARE AVAILABLE: Dear parish family, your 2020 offering envelopes are at the back of the church. Please contact the parish office for all questions and concerns.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

MOTHER TERESA VOCATIONAL SOCIETY ANNUAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION: On Saturday, January 18, 2020 from 9:30am to 2:00pm Annunciation Catholic Church (3810 Massachusetts Ave, N.W. Washington, D.C.). Fr. Frank Ivany, Director of Priests Vocations for the Archdiocese of Washington will lead a Day of Recollection and Susan Conroy will be the keynote speaker. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confessions a reflection, and presentation by Susan Conroy. Lunch will be served and donations are welcome. It is not required to be a MTVS member to attend this event. For more information please visit www.dcpriest.org, or contact Maris Moriarity at moriartym@adw.org or 202-636-9020.

ANNUAL REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MASS: Our Lady Queen of Peace is celebrating Black History month with a Mass for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on January 18, 2020, located at 3800 Ely Place S.E., Washington, D.C. 20019. Praise and worship featuring the Archdiocesan Gospel Choir and a 4:00pm Mass with Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, celebrant & homilist. For accommodations or ASL interpretation, please contact specialneedsministry@adw.org two weeks in advance.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP ((OLPH) CATHOLIC CHURCH Women's Ministry presents Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast on Monday, January 20, 2020, at 9:00am at OLPH Panorama Room, 1600 Morris Road, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20020. The Keynote Speaker is Very Reverend Michael L. Thompson. Doors open at 8:00am, Donation: \$40.00 and children under 12 is \$15.00. All proceeds will support the OLPH Women's Ministry Scholarship Fund. For tickets contact: Angela (301)643-4088 or Donna (202)2516610.

MEN'S RETREAT FEBRUARY 7-9, 2020 : "LIFE IN CHRIST THE GIFT OF SACRAMENTS" The office of Family Life is hosting a Men's Retreat. Join men from around the Archdiocese of Washington for a weekend retreat directed by Fr. Dave Wells and Msgr. Robert Panke. What does it mean to live out our baptism, to live a Eucharistic life and to access the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our daily lives and relationships The retreat will help you to reflect on the importance of our Sacraments and to reconnect with the most important - your relationship with Christ. The retreat will be held at Priestfield Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, West Virginia. To register go to the following link <https://2020adwmensretreateventbrite.com> or for more information call the office of Family Life at 301-8534499.